

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 268
By White

A RESOLUTION to honor, congratulate and commend Coach Howard E. Spears and the 1996-1997 Lewis County High School boys' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association District 9-AA championship.

WHEREAS, high school athletic teams are a great source for boosting school morale;
and

WHEREAS, the exciting 1996-1997 Lewis County High School boys' basketball team has played with rare tenacity and vigor to capture, winning the coveted regular season Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association District 9-AA title; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Panthers pounced on district foes and compiled an excellent record of ten wins against only two losses; and

WHEREAS, this was their first district hoop championship in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team also compiled an exceptional 23-8 overall record, an enviable winning percentage of .742; and

WHEREAS, their 23 victories tied a school record for most wins in a season; and

WHEREAS, the cagy, veteran coach of the team was the highly regarded Howard E. Spears, who was honored as District 9-AA Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his capable assistant coaches were: Larry G. Davis and Wayne Tatum; and

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WHEREAS, each of the members of this outstanding team made a significant contribution to its overall success. They were: Charlie Brewer, Aaron Brown, Darren Clayburn, David Clayton, Jon Conner, Dustin Davis, Kyle Ellis, Lain Hinson, Steven Hinson, Rob Inman, Josh Keltner, Andy Lawson, Roger Mann, Ryan Reynolds, Lee Riley, Ito Rodriquez, Jonah Russell, Nathaniel Scott, J. R. Smith, Jerry Smith, Nick Spicer, Brad Tenry, Darren Wayland, and Johnny Williams; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were: Josh Burns, Lantz Dabbs, and Jon Wix; and

WHEREAS, this fine team is deserving of special recognition for their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate and commend Coach Howard E. Spears and the 1996-1997 Lewis County High School boys' basketball team on winning the District 9-AA Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.